



## CHEERFULNESS.

NOTHING upon the earth forever grieves;  
No bird forever sad and songless lives;  
Even the poor small worm  
Puts on, before he dies, his glorious form,  
And, for a little space,  
Chases the sunbeams round the moun-  
tain's face.  
The rose that has been ruffled by the storm  
Droops not for aye her leaves;  
After the rain,  
She lifts her tearful head, radiant again.  
Yea! not forever bow the autumn  
sheaves—

Though weighed from above,  
As hearts are with their love,  
With all the riches that the heaven gives;  
Sometimes, on sunny days,  
A gentle wind will raise  
Their golden ears, ripe for the garner's  
leaves;  
The chilly frost before the warm sun  
yields.  
When the cloud-showers hang above the  
fields,  
They linger not—  
Look once again—sunlight is on the spot!

## WANT OF THOUGHT.

ALAS! I have walked through life,  
Too heedless where I trod;  
Nay, helping to trample my fellow-worm  
And fill the burial sod,  
Forgetting that even the sparrow falls  
Not unmarked of God!

The wounds I might have healed!  
The human sorrows and smart!  
And yet it was never in my soul  
To play so ill a part:  
*But evil is wrought by want of Thought,  
As well as want of Heart.* —Hood

## MY MOTHER.

Ah! well do I remember me,  
In childhood's happy days,  
Of a meek-eyed, gentle mother,  
Who taught my lips to praise;  
Who told me tales of years gone by,  
And sung me oft to rest,  
In plaintive strains of melody,  
When pillow'd on her breast.

Ah! well do I remember me,  
When riper years had come,  
Of that mother's tender counsels  
In my own early home;

And when I left, thro' love of change,  
The scenes of joyous youth,  
It was her voice that whisper'd low  
The words of love and truth.

Ah! well do I remember me,  
When thro' the lapse of years,  
I homeward turned my weary steps  
Thro' guilt, and wo, and tears,  
'T was the same sweet tone and melting eye  
To me a welcome gave.  
Those sparkling eyes, those welcome tones  
Are now but of the grave. —"Printer."

## HOME AND FRIENDS.

THERE is a power to make each hour,  
As sweet as Heaven designed it;  
Nor need we roam to bring it home,  
Though few there be that find it!

We seek too high for the things close by,  
And loose what nature found us;  
For life hath here no charms so dear  
As home and friends around us.

## Idle Mary.

Oh, Mary, this will never do!  
This work is sadly done, my dear;  
And then so little of it too!  
You have not taken pains, I fear.

Oh no, your work has been forgotten,  
Indeed, you've hardly thought of that,  
I saw you roll your ball of cotton  
About the floor to please the cat.

See here are stitches straggling wide  
And others reaching down so far;  
I'm very sure you have not tried  
In this, at least, to please mama.

The little girl who will not sow,  
Must neither be allowed to play;  
And then I hope, my love, that you  
Will take more pains another day.

## DECORATION DAY.—The Blue and the Gray.

BY F. M. FINCH.

By the flow of the inland river,  
Whence the fleets of iron had fled,  
Where the blades of the grave-grass quiver,  
Asleep are the ranks of the dead;  
Under the sod and the dew,  
Waiting the judgment day;  
Under the one, the Blue;  
Under the other, the Gray.

These in the robings of glory,  
Those in the gloom of defeat;  
All with the battle-blood gory,  
In the dusk of eternity meet;  
Under the sod and the dew,  
Waiting the judgment day;  
Under the laurel, the Blue;  
Under the willow, the Gray.

From the silence of sorrowful hours,  
The desolate mourners go,  
Lovingly laid with flowers,  
Alike for the friend and the foe;  
Under the sod and the dew,  
Waiting the judgment day;  
Under the roses, the Blue;  
Under the lilies, the Gray.

So, with an equal splendor,  
The morning sun-rays fall,  
With a touch impartially tender,  
On the blossoms blooming for all:

Under the sod and the dew,  
Waiting the judgment day;  
Brodered with gold, the Blue;  
Mellowed with gold, the Gray.

So, when the Summer calleth,  
On forest and field of grain  
With an equal murmur falleth  
The cooling drip of the rain;  
Under the sod and the dew,  
Waiting the judgment day;  
Wet with rain, the Blue;  
Wet with rain, the Gray.

Sadly, but not with upbraiding,  
The generous deed was done;  
In the storm of years now fading,  
No braver battle was won:  
Under the sod and the dew,  
Waiting the judgment day;  
Under the blossoms, the Blue;  
Under the garlands, the Gray.

No more shall the war-cry sever,  
Or the winding rivers be red;  
They banish our anger forever  
When they laurel the graves of our dead.  
Under the sod and the dew,  
Waiting the judgment day;  
Love and tears for the Blue;  
Tears and Love for the Gray.

## A JUVENILE VALEDICTORY.

BY GAIL HAMILTON.

[Written at the request of a friend, and spoken by one of her little pupils, at the Semi-Annual Examination of the School.]

With joy, dear friends, yet truth to tell, not quite unmixed with fear,  
We've long looked forward to the day when we should meet you here;  
With joy to see in this, our room, your faces true and kind,  
With fear lest you should find us not all you had hoped to find.  
But pray remember, when you judge, how few our years have been;  
The summers on our wisest heads have scarcely numbered ten.  
We left, not many months ago, each one, his mother's side,  
And even now our leading strings are loosened—not untied!  
But then you know that Solomon, with all his wondrous might,  
Was once a baby knowing not his left hand from his right;  
That Moses cried to get the moon, Napoleon wore a bib,  
And—JAMES BUCHANAN sucked his thumbs, and slept within a crib!  
So ever in your ears we hope the Scripture adage rings,  
However wise, do not despise the day of little things.  
And though to you but very slight may seem our learned lore,  
Remember we have done our best and "angels could no more."  
We've washed our faces very clean, we've brushed the wayward hair,  
And smoothed our frocks and collars down with most surprising care;  
Not for the world our pretty fans or kerchiefs would we lose;  
And if you'd see a handsome face, just look at our new shoes!  
Now, though we don't suppose we are the best in all the city,  
Yet don't you think we're—"pretty fair,"—most reverend committee?  
Your approbation, sir, we hope to gain in some small measure;  
Th' approving voice of such a judge would crown our toil with pleasure.  
But if you've seen, as well may be, aught you cannot commend,  
We'll think of what the Bible says about the faithful friend.  
We thank you, sir, for all your care and pray that you may be  
Long spared unto our little school, though we're not here to see.  
Dear Teacher, who for weeks and months have guided us so well,  
Straight to your heart, our hearts shall speak what words can never tell.  
Your patience has not failed in all our listless, wilful ways,  
When naughty we have met rebuke, when good, unstinted praise.  
The consciousness of duty done, a just reward, is given—  
Be every other blessing showered upon you from high Heaven.

mean to grow more go  
s and led c  
niles, our young e  
s, and disappoint your fears,  
ly wise, as we increase in years.

oolmates, who have met us here,—who'll meet us nevermore,  
scenes will e'er blot out the happy scenes of yore.  
faces we shall miss from out our little band,  
we bless you, as we give the parting hand.

who, autumn days again shall glad our sight,  
say the "Good-bye," but only breathe "Good-night."  
ht vacatio days will find you with the flowers;  
ooks and o'er the hills you'll chase the flying hours.  
ck scores of rosy cheeks, and scores of sparkling eyes,  
of heart-happiness that never, never dies.

May health, and hope, and joy, and love forever with you dwell,—  
Dear Teacher, Parents, Schoolmates, Friends, we bid you all—farewell

way from the friendly shore,  
y wilderness lost,  
d deafened by rush and roar;  
Baffled by wind and wave are we;  
What sweet home-spirits may there be,  
Sadly pondering on our wandering  
Wide and wearisome out at sea!

Lying here in my tossing bed,  
I dream of ruin, and rock, and wreck—  
Hearing the slow, continuous tread  
Of the sailor who walks the deck,  
Keeping his long watch patiently;  
Gentler watchers on shore there be;  
Eyes which weep for us, leaving sleep  
for us,  
Fond watch keep for us out at sea!

In the narrow window there  
Drifts the ocean-wind, wild and damp,  
Frightening into flicker and flare  
The feeble flame of the swinging  
lamp;

There are places readily  
Faith's fires burn for us, true hearts mourn  
for us,  
Dear arms yearn for us out at sea!

Blinded and beaten by wind and foam,  
Hurled and tossed at the sea's command,  
Sweet the thought that in some dear home,  
Steady and still on the solid land,  
Where our hopes and our memories be  
Safely harbored from storm and sea,—  
Love takes heed for us—love's lips plead  
for us—  
Love's prayers speed for us out at sea!

Night and darkness, and storm and clouds,  
Creak of cordage and shudder of sails;  
Drifting drearily through the shrouds  
There is a murmur of mournful wails—  
Dirges sung for the lost at sea,  
Where the tempest is fierce and free;—  
Father, hear to us—bend Thine ear to us—  
Be Thou near to us out at sea!

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Remarks On Board Brig Homer On Her  
Whaling voyage To The Atlantic Ocean  
Lieut. B. Pierpont Master

~~Saturday~~ August Sunday August 12  
Commences with light airs from the S & middle  
part wind at 8 latter S & at 11.30 Cast off from  
the wharf in tow of the Steam Boat at meridian  
grounded on the bar

~~Sunday~~ Monday 13<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with light wind from the S & at  
1 p.m. floated over the bar & made sail to the  
westward wind veering to the East at 7 p.m.  
Came to anchor at Holmes Hole in 4 fathoms  
of water middle part Calm latter part fresh  
gales from the N.W. at meridian got under  
ways

~~Monday~~ Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with fresh gales from the N.W.  
beatings up sound at 8 p.m. got within 3 miles  
of gey Head was obliged to put away for the  
Cove in consequence of the wind being light &  
tide running to the Eastward at 7 Came to  
anchor in 9 fathoms middle part Calm at  
4 a.m. took the wind from the S & took  
our anchor and steered out of the sound at  
meridian saws land here S by W per Compass  
Distance 12 miles

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with light wind from the S by S  
steering S by S under all sail at 7 p.m. took in  
light sails middle part wind veered to  
S & latter part fresh gales saw finbacks &  
porpoises & a number of vessels

Lat 39.18 Long 70.50

# Remarks On Board Brig Homer

Thursday August 16

Commences with fresh gales from the S  
headings up & at 4 p m Double reefed  
at 10 p m wind veered to the south steered  
East latter moderate made all sail employed  
in fitting boats

Lat 38.56 Long 69.56

Friday 17

Commences with moderate gales from the  
S W steering East per Compass under all sail  
at 6 p m took in the light sails latter  
part fresh gales & roughed

Lat 39.33 Long 68.

Saturday 18

Commences with hard gales from the  
S W steering East per Compass under topsail &  
fore sail Double reef mainsail at 4 Double reefed  
fore topsail middle part more moderate  
latter fresh gales & squally wind  
veered to the S W

Lat 40.12 Long 64.47

Sunday 19

Commences with fresh gales & squally  
steering S per Compass under Double  
reefs middle part hard squalls of wind  
rain thunder & lightning wind veered  
to the North

Lat 40.00 Long 62.30

Monday 20

Commences with hard gales from the  
S W attended with rain steering S S  
under Double reefs middle wind veered  
to the S W latter part more moderate turned  
the reefs out of the topsail saw 4 reefs

Lat 39.30 Long 62.48

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On A Whaling voyage To The Atlantic

Tuesday 21

Commences with brisk breezes from the E & S headings up to middle & latter fine weather employed various ways with a good look out saw nothing

Lat 38.10 Long 59.24

Wednesday 22

Commences with light wind from the East up to middle & latter Calm saw one seal employed various ways

Lat 37.58 Long 59.14

Thursday 23

Commences with Calm at 2 pm took a breeze from the S W Course East middle & latter part the same employed various ways with a good look out saw nothing

Lat 37.40 Long 58.05

Friday 24

Commences with fine weather attended with light wind from the S W steering East under all sail middle & latter part brisk breezes Course E & S employed in fittings cutting gear saw nothing

Lat 38.38 Long 53.43

Saturday 25

Commences with brisk breezes from the S W steering E & S per Compass under all sail middle part hard gale & squally in light sail Double reefed the mainsail

Lat 40.10 Long 51.00

# Remarks On Board Brig Homer

Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup>

Commences with hard gales from the S W & every rugged steering East & S S middle part squally at 3 pm wind shifted suddenly in a squall to the north latter more moderate at 11.30 saw sperm whales breaching 5 miles distant

Lat 40.28 Long 49.30

Monday 27<sup>th</sup>

Commences with fresh gales from the S W at 1 pm lowered in pursuit of the beforementioned whales started at one he being deep under water the iron did not reach him came aboard and took up the boat, whale still in sight weather too bad to go in pursuit at 4 in forenoon middle part had rain and every thing else that is bad at 5 am whales in sight again weather bad latter part rain whales in abundance weather bad

Lat 40.30 Long 46.45

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Commences with hard gales from the S W and rugged whales in sight in every direction weather bad middle & latter part blowing a gale attended with a very high sea

Lat 39.50 Long 46.10

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

Commences with heavy gales from the S W heading up S S under staysails & double reef mainsail at 6 pm veered to the N W middle part blowing a gale at 8 am wind moderating at 9 shifted to the S W saw a steamer steering to the S W latter blowing a gale

Lat 39.42 Long 46.50

# Cruising

17 Days out Thursday 30

Commences with heavy gales from the ~~SE~~ attended with a very high sea headings up ~~SE~~ under short sail middle part the same latter part wind veering to the East still blowing a gale

Lat 06 38.58 Long 090 45.00

Friday 31

Commences with heavy gales from the ~~SE~~ headings up ~~SE~~ under double reef main sail & staysails middle part wind veered to the ~~SE~~ latter part more moderate employed various ways

Lat 06 38.52 Long 091 24.00

Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup>

Commences with fresh gales from the ~~SE~~ attended with hard rain headings up ~~SE~~ under short sail middle part light wind & hard rain latter hard gales from the ~~SE~~

Lat 06 39.20 Long 091 33.30

Sunday 2<sup>d</sup>

Commences with heavy gales from the ~~SE~~ under Close reefs at 1 pm in foretop sail at 1.30 parted foretopmast stays spliced & set it up again at 3 in main sail & set try sail middle part moderating latter clear weather with hard gales lying under fore & main staysail & try sail

Lat 06 39.10 Long 090 42.34

# Remarks On Board Brig Homer

Monday September 3<sup>d</sup>

Commenced with hard gales from the ~~SE~~  
coming under staysails & topails heading  
to the East middle part under cutting  
latter part light wind set all  
sail

Lat 41° 38' N Long 71° 29' W  
Chro 41° 35'

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with light airs from the  
East heading up SE middle part  
calm latter light wind from  
the S W Course Chro

Lat 41° 38' N Long 71° 30' W  
Chro

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with light ~~wind~~  
wind from the S W Course Chro under  
all sail middle part under short sail  
latter all sail set

Lat 41° 39' N Long 71° 30' W  
Chro

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with brisk breezes from  
the S W Course but at 3 p m saw two  
large sperm whales going quick to  
windward lowered but to no purpose  
came aboard with heavy hearts it  
being the third time we have seen  
them since leaving home latter part  
hard gales & very rugged

Lat 41° 40' N Long 71° 20' W  
Chro

Friday Sept 7 1851  
Commences with hard gales under  
last sail. latter blowing a gale under  
double reef mainsail & staysails

Lat 39.50 Long 39.00

Saturday 8  
Commences with heavy gales from the  
S.W. blowing under double reef main  
sail & staysails middle part hard gale,  
latter in foretop sail & mainsail set  
trysail blowing a gale

Lat 39.55 Long 38.30

Sunday 9  
Commences with hard gales & squally  
at 1 p.m. wind moderated at 2 made  
sail middle part calm latter light wind  
from the S.W. set all sail saw porpoises

Lat 40.10 Long 37.57

Monday 10  
Commences with light wind from the S.W. attended  
with a very high swell from the S.W. steering  
S.W. middle part hard gales attended with  
rain at 9 a.m. saw a large sperm whale  
one rising & lost the run of him in consequence  
of it coming on thick with hard squalls of  
wind & rain at noon more moderate  
saw a number of whales weather thick

Lat 41.00 Long 37.50

Tuesday Sept 11/50 Commences with fresh  
 gales ~~at~~ from the SW at 1 pm hauled and  
 struck a large whale at 3 took him alongside  
 employed in getting ready to cut at 4 pm  
 parted flukes chain heaved out on the nose  
 rope & let him lay middle & latter part  
 heavy gales cant cut



Lat (4) 41.2 Long 37.30

Wednesday 12

Commences with heavy gales blowing  
 by the whale at 1 pm hauled him  
 down alongside & cut all we could without  
 looking on middle part hard squalls of  
 wind & rain at 6 am was obliged to wear  
 him out again & let him lay for better  
 weather at 8 am saw a large steamer  
 steering to the East at 11 wind veered  
 to the west moderated some but a very  
 high sea

Lat (4) 41.55 Long

Thursday 13

Commences with heavy gales from the west  
 blowing with the whale heaved out 100 fathoms  
 for better weather to cut him in middle  
 part moderating at 5 am hauled him  
 alongside & commenced cutting at meridian  
 got the body in after a few hard knocks  
 & now & then a loud cuth

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Friday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1855

Commences with hard gale, from the west employed in Cuttings at 8 pm finished latter employed in boiling

Lat 41.19 Long 34.20

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light wind from the West attended with fine weather employed in boiling at

Lat 41

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>

Commences with fine weather employed boiling at 8 pm finished

Lat 39.30 Long 32.10

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

Commences with fine weather with light wind from the West at 4 pm spoke back & carrying 20 days from New Bedford clear bound to the Pacific middle part squally at 6 am saw the Island of Foulkes bearings S by E distance 50 miles

Lat 38.53

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light wind from the West running for the Island middle part by the wind latter steering down along shore with fresh gales bound 5 miles distant

Wednesday Sept 19<sup>th</sup> Commences  
with fresh gales from the west steering  
down along shore at 2 p.m. Canble & kept  
rather calm distance 10 miles distant  
3 sail in sight

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light airs from the West  
heading up to the Island at 6 p.m. tacked  
off at midnight tacked in at 10 a.m.  
spoke ship Wamtuget 3 months out 95 lbs.  
bound to the Pacific land 10 miles distant

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

Commences with light wind from the WSW  
lying off & on waiting for the stupid  
Portugueses to move at 6 p.m. tacked off  
at 3 a.m. tacked to the NW latter  
employed in stowing down boxes south  
20 miles distant

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Commences with fresh gales from the  
West heading up at 6 p.m. finished  
stowing down middle part accelerate  
at 8 a.m. spoke Brig Lewis Bruce of  
Orleans 5 months out

Lat 39.28

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Commences with fresh gales from the  
WSW heading up WSW middle part  
the same latter squally Canble reefed

Lat 39.40 Long 135.30

Monday 24<sup>th</sup>

Commences with hard gales from the  
WSW & squally heading up WSW middle  
part the same latter hard rain

Lat 40.00 Long 136.09

Tuesday, Sept 25 Commences with light wind attended with rain in abundance headings up West at 2 p m same sperm whales 6 miles off going quick to the edge ice not lower it being near sunset middle & latter calm

Lat 40 or Long Chre 36.18

Wednesday 26

Commences with calm at 2 p m took a breeze from the south headed up S W middle & latter part light wind & fine weather

Lat 43.44 Long Chre 36.43

Thursday 27

Commences with light wind from the West headings up S W at 3 p m spoke ship Redman 14 days from New Bedford middle & latter part the same

Lat 45.48 Long Chre 37.50

Friday 28

Commences with light wind from the West headings up S W under all sail at 5 p m headed to the south middle & latter part fine weather saw nothing

Lat 43.53 Long Ch 37.30

Saturday 29

Commences with light wind from the S W & fine weather headings up S W middle & latter part the same saw several vessels

Lat 43.02 Long Ch 37.00

Sunday 30

Commences with light wind from the S W headings up S W at 2 p m saw Blackfish covered could not catch them middle & latter part gales saw a number of vessels

Lat 43.24 Long Chre 38.51

Monday October 1<sup>st</sup> Commences with hard  
gales from the S.W. heading up south  
middle part light wind latter part fresh gales  
saw several vessels

Lat 36.03 Long Chr 34.27

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Commences with fresh gales from the S.W. heading  
up & W. at 6 a.m. backed to the S.W.

Lat 35.31 Long Chr 33.40

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Commences with fresh gales from the west  
heading up S.W. middle part wind  
light latter calm with a very high swell  
from the S.W.

Lat 36.13 Long Chr 34.00

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

Commences with Calm at 4 p.m. took a  
breeze from the S.W. reverse S.W. middle  
part squally tumble reefed latter hard  
gales

Lat 35.12 Long Chr 36.30

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

Commences with hard gales from the  
S.W. steering N.W. middle part squally  
latter hard gales from the S.W.

Lat 34.20 Long Chr 37.50

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

Commences with heavy gales from the  
S.W. heading up N. latter squally  
in foretide saw a brig

Lat 33.59 Long Chr 39.00

Sunday Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Commences with  
hard gales from the West heading up  
under staysails middle part & main light  
latter wind all round the compass  
sent down royal & topgallant yards Barometer  
very low

Lat 44.34.10 Long 39.32

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with light airs & calm variable  
part light wind from the SE & latter heavy  
gales from the East

Lat 44.33.50 Long 39.29

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with hard gales from the East attended  
with a very high swell from the SE heading  
up SE at 10 p.m. fore & topseil latter  
flaming a gale from the SE

Lat 44.33.30 Long 39.40

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with heavy gales from the  
SE & layings under staysails raining a heavy  
gale latter part the same broke the  
rings in the Clew of the tryseil

Lat 44.33.10 Long 39.55

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with heavy gales from the  
SE & layings under main tryseil at 4 p.m.  
sent down staysail at 6 sent topmast  
staysail middle & latter part squally.

Lat 44.32.30 Long 40.10

Friday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Commences with  
heavy gales from the ESE laying under  
staysails at midnight & set foretopsail  
latter part Calm

Lat 31.39 Long OK 40.30

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

Commences with ~~heavy gales~~ Calms & light  
air at 2 p.m. took a breeze from the S.W.  
Course ESE middle part wind variable  
latter wind from the West Course and

Lat 32.20 Long OK 39.30

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light wind from the S.W.  
Course and under all sail middle & latter  
part wind variable in light sails  
main sail double reefed the topsail

Lat OK 34.20 Long OK 38.20

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

Commences with moderate gales  
from the S.W. Course and middle  
part wind variable in topsail &  
fore sail latter heavy gales from the  
East in mist boat set try sail  
in main staysail

Lat OK 34.40 Long OK 37.50

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Commences with heavy gales from  
the East laying under main try sail  
middle part wind all round the  
Compass latter wind from the south  
veered ship to the ESE

Lat OK 34.30 Long OK 37.05

Days out blowing, a Hurricane.

Wednesday Oct 17<sup>th</sup> Commences with heavy gales from the SSW steering Eard under maintrysail at 1 p on set main staysail & foretopmast staysail foretopmast at 6 took them in middle & latter part blowing a gale as usual

Lat 35.35 Long 37.15

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

Commences with heavy gales from the SSW laying under staysails at midnight took in the staysails blowing a Hurricane latter more moderate with the wind from the SSW

Lat 36.27 Long 37.40

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

Commences with heavy gales from the SSW laying up under trysail at 6 p on set staysails middle part moderating at 6 a m set foretopmast foremast & jib once more fore we have had a gale with the exception of one day for 14 days now we are off out of this ~~as~~ as fast as we can make the good Brig Homer go Course SSW

Lat 36.45 Long 38.04

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>

Commences with hard gales from the SSW Course SSW at 6 p on in jib at 10 in fore sail middle & latter part squally

Lat 36.50 Long 38.10

71 days out

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

Commences with heavy gales from the SSW heading up SSW at 4 p on in topsail middle part hard rain wind all round the compass latter light wind from the SSW Course south Lat 37.04 Long 38.13

Monday Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> Commences with  
light wind from the NW. Course south  
at 1 p.m. turned the reef out set jib  
& foresail middle & latter part fine  
weather Course & D same a brig steering  
to DSD

Lat 36.55 Long Chro 30.23

Tuesday 23

Commences with brisk breezes from  
the NW. Course & D at 6 p.m. took  
the wind from the SD in a squall  
Daulie reaped the topsail in jib  
middle part squally latter more  
moderate set jib & mainsail exchanged  
ensign with a french flag

Lat 37.28 Long Chro 28.46

Wednesday 24

Commences with hard gale from the  
SD heading up OK & under close reef  
topsail jib & mainsail at 1 p.m. Daulie  
reaped the mainsail at 5 p.m. tacked  
to the NW at 8 in jib foresail  
foretopsail & mainsail

Lat 37.00 Long OK 29.10

Thursday 25

Commences with heavy gales  
from the SD laying under staysails  
middle part more moderate set  
topsail close reefed latter set jib &  
foresail at meridian tacked to the  
DSD

Lat 35.17 Long Chro 29.26

25 Days from Genoa taken & very  
good weather for a change we  
have been voyaging in a gale for  
nearly one month you landmen  
Don't care for that

Friday 26 Commences with brisk breezes from the S & headings E & S middle part wind light latter calm

Lat 37.07 Long 29.20

Saturday 27  
Commences with calm & light air at 2 pm took a breeze from the west heading up East with all sail set middle part up E & S with brisk breezes at 6 am saw pico hearings E & S per Com. pass Distance 60 miles saw a sail

Lat 37.33

Sunday 28  
Commences with brisk breezes from the S & headings up E & S with all sail set at 2 am saw the Island of St Michael latter part off & on

Monday 29  
Commences with fresh gales lying off & on for refreshments latter part the same

Tuesday 30  
Commences with fresh gales lying off & on getting off refreshments at 5 pm boat returned made sail at 6 am saw St Marys

Wednesday 31  
Commences with light wind from the north Course S & S middle part calm latter light wind from the S & at noon saw St Marys hearings E & S per Com. pass Distance 12 miles

87 days out -

Thursday Nov 1st/54 Commences  
with light wind from the S.W. Course  
S.W. middle part squally wind hauled  
to the north in light sails

Lat 43.17 Long 22.42

Friday 2d

Commences with fresh gale from the  
north steering S.W. at 1 pm south  
middle part wind from the S.W. latter  
part

Lat 43.25 Long 22.45

Saturday 3d

Commences with brisk breezes from the  
N.W. Course south middle part squally  
in light sails latter set them again  
sent up topgallens & royal yards

Lat 43.30 Long 20.46

Sunday 4th

Commences with light wind from  
the S.W. & squally steering S.W.  
middle part calm latter light wind  
from the south heading up S.W. saw  
one finback & a number of pieces of  
squid

Lat 43.40 Long 19.29

Monday 5th

Commences with light wind from the  
south heading up S.W. under all sail at  
2 pm spoke the English Bark Sturgeon  
from Liverpool bound to Demerara  
middle part calm latter fresh gale  
from the S.W. heading up S.W.

Lat 43.50 Long 18.50

Tuesday Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Commences with  
fresh gales from the S<sup>W</sup> heading up  
S<sup>W</sup> at 5 p on double reef middle  
part wind all round the compass  
attended with hard rain at  
7 a m saw Palmer Island bearing  
S<sup>W</sup> per compass distance 20 leagues at  
10 passed a ship heading to the west  
latter hard gales from the south  
attended with hard rain

Lat 29.20 Long 18.20

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Commences with hard gales from the  
south with hard rain heading up  
S<sup>W</sup> at 3 p on passed a bark middle  
part calm latter fresh gales from  
the S<sup>W</sup> course south distance S<sup>W</sup> 30  
miles distant

Lat 29.01

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

Commences with fresh gales from the  
S<sup>W</sup> course south per compass at 4 p on  
saw the Island of Terre bearing  
south per compass at 6 in light  
sails & steered S<sup>W</sup> by S latter  
part moderate sea & sail

Lat 26.47 Lon 18.10

Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

Commences with moderate gales  
from the S<sup>W</sup> course south turned  
up quarter boats & painted them  
sail finbacks

Lat 25.24 Long 17.49

90 Days out

14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 45 Commences  
with light wind from the west  
Course south middle part under  
short sail latter all sail set  
struck a porpoise & lost him saw  
finbacks

Lat 15 24.00 Long Chr 17.33

Wednesday 11

Commences with light wind from  
the West Course SB & under all sail  
at 1 p.m. passed a brig supposed to be  
a whaler middle part by the wind  
to the north latter caught a porpoise

Lat 16 23.47 Long Chr 17.38

Thursday 12

Commences with light air & calm  
middle part much the same  
latter so saw finbacks in abundance

Lat 16 23.41 Long Chr 17.45

Friday 13

Commences with light air from the  
East heading up SB at 2 p.m. spoke bark  
lady Suffolk of Beverly 13 months out  
much as the Captain said at 6 p.m. headed  
to the north latter part calm

Lat 16 23.50

Saturday 14

Commences with calm & light air  
middle part the same latter  
light wind from the north  
Course south

Lat 16 23.46 Long Chr 17.30

Thursday 15 Commences with light wind from the north Course south middle & latter part wind from the NW Course & W soon perforce struck one & lost him

Lat 16.23.31 Long 17.23

Friday 16 Commences with light wind from the NW Course & W middle & latter part wind from the north attended with a very high swell from the NW Course west

Lat 16.21.42 Long 18.00

Saturday 17 Commences with brisk breezes from the north Course west at 6 p.m. shortened sail & luffed by the wind to the NW at 6 a.m. veered round to the S by at 8 o'clock reefed the mainsail & set it so end with rigged up the & Lard Carriage

Lat 16.21.19 Long 20.10 Chron

Sunday 18 Commences with strong trades leading up S by under short sail at 6 a.m. veered by to the north latter to the S by end with heavy gales

Lat 16.20.59 Long Chron 19.50

Monday 19 Commences with heavy gales leading up S by under short sail at 6 p.m. were round to the north latter part to the S by so end with heavy gales & Lard Carriage

Lat 16.21.00 Long Chron 19.50

Tuesday Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Commences with heavy gales heading up S<sup>E</sup> under short sail at 10 p m veered back to the north middle part much the same at 3 o m veered to the S<sup>E</sup> end with rugged weather & Large Castings

Lat 20.43 Long Chro 19.30

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

Commences with heavy gales heading up S<sup>E</sup> under short sail at 6 p m veered back to the S<sup>E</sup> latter to the S<sup>E</sup> blowing a gale saw a brig

Lat 20.22 Long Chro 19.05

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Commences with heavy gales heading up S<sup>E</sup> under short sail middle & latter large gales have not had a man to mount & sail for 6 days blowing heavy cannot whale nor look for one

Lat 20.12 Long Chro 18.47

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Commences with heavy gales heading up S<sup>E</sup> under short sail at 6 p m veered round to the north middle & latter Large Castings

Lat 20.42 Long Chro 19.51

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

Commences with large gales heading up S<sup>E</sup> under short sail at 6 p m veered back to the S<sup>E</sup> latter more moderate & made sail for the first time for 7 days & steered S<sup>E</sup> W

Lat 20.00 Long Chro 19.38

Sunday Nov 25<sup>th</sup> Commences with  
Heavy trades Course SSW under short  
sail latter part the same

Lat 06 19.51 Long Ok 19.50

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

Commences with strong trades Course  
SSW latter part steering WSW with  
fine weather once more

Lat 06 17.38 Long Ok 21.38

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Commences with moderate trades  
Course WSW at 6 p on shortened sail  
& steered SSW at 6 a.m. saw the Isle of Seil  
bearing WSW Distance 30 miles set all sail  
& steered for it at meridian Island 10 miles  
distant

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light trades steering  
down along shore middle part laid by  
latter part steering off for Bonavesta  
at meridian Island 10 miles distant

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light trades steering  
down along shore at 5 p.m. hauled off  
shore latter part in at meridian Island  
4 miles distant boat came off with fish

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light trades heading  
off shore caught a porpoise latter  
part Calm Island north 20 miles distant

Saturday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Commences with calm  
& light air, middle & latter part the same  
Island NW 30 miles distant employed in  
setting up head rigging

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with light air & calm middle  
& latter part the same Island 20 miles  
distant saw 3 or 4 pure porpoises

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with Calm & light air at  
2 p.m. took a light breeze saw 3 sail  
middle & latter part Calm saw 2 sail  
Island NW 10 miles distant

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with Calm & light air middle  
part much the same latter light wind  
from the NW heading up 4300 Island  
W 20 miles distant

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with light wind from the  
NW heading up 4300 middle part  
much the same latter light wind  
from the SW Course NW Island  
W 30 miles distant

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with light wind  
from the SW Course NW latter  
part light wind from the SW  
headings in for 2<sup>nd</sup> of Sal

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with light trades running  
down along shore at 6 p.m. spoke 1<sup>st</sup> Sch  
Wm P Collins 2 months ahead latter  
part headings to the S

Lat 16.12

1 Saturday Dec 8 / 55 Commences with moderate trades at 6<sup>30</sup> pm in light sail, middle part strong, gales & could be raised for top sail latter part much the same

Lat 15.25 Long Chro 20.00

Sunday 9

Commences with strong trade heading up & under short sail at 6 pm tacked to the north at 3 am back again latter hard gales & rugged

Lat 15.29 Long Chro 19.37

Sunday 10

Commences with hard gales heading up & under short sail middle part the same latter more moderate same nothing

Lat 15.05

Monday 11

Commences with strong trade heading up & under short sail at 3 pm same Cape de Verd. at 6 pm tacked off shore at 3 am in same true sail at intersection Cape de Verd East 10 miles distant

Lat 15.34

Wednesday 12

Commences with strong trade, running in to the bay to look for Lumpkin some more at 3 pm stood out latter part heavy gales & hard beating

Lat 15.05 Long Chro 18.19

Wednesday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Commences with heavy trade heading up S.W. under short sail latter part the same easy sail

Lat 16.18 Long 119.47

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

Commences with hard gales heading up S.W. under short sail broke one of our chain plates rigged another rather more moderate sail a number of reefs steering to the south

Lat 17.14 Long 120.43

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

Commences with strong trade heading up S.W. under short sail middle part much the same latter light wind set all sail even linchpins & porpoises

Lat 18.16 Long 122.51

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light trade heading up S.W. under all sail at 6<sup>pm</sup> veered ship to the south at 6<sup>am</sup> saw the Isle of Sal S.W. distant 40 miles started off for it to look for humpbacks

Lat 16.58

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

Commences with hard gale steering down along shore middle part heading off latter part in Island 10 miles distant

Thursday Dec 18<sup>th</sup> Commences with heavy gales at 3 p.m. run in to the inside bay & anchored in 10 fathoms latter employed in breaking out oil & provisions & coopersing it found one cask of oil & bbls out in consequence of a spill hole in the head of it lost 100 dollars

Wednesday 19  
Commences with strong trades employed in breaking out & coopersing middle part had gales latter part finished coopersing stowings a gale

Thursday 20  
Commences with local gales employed various ways latter part squally crew showing signs of mutinous conduct such as calling to the men to mast head to come down & being very noisy one man by name of James Powers was disappointed because he did not mean the third boat William Wilson & others because they are not allowed to go on shore

Friday 21  
Commences with heavy gales middle & latter part much the same waiting for it moderate to get under way crew about the same

Saturday 22  
Commences with heavy gales & squally middle part much the same latter part more moderate crew about the same waiting a time to get under way

Sunday 23  
Commences with local gales latter part moderate but thick foggy

# Remarks On Board Brig Homer 1840

Monday Dec 24

Commences with moderate trades & thick weather at 6 p.m. took a very heavy thunder squall which lasted about three hours latter part strong trades

Tuesday 25

Commences with strong trades & thick weather middle part more moderate latter part heavy gales had time to go out

Wednesday 26

Commences with heavy gales middle part more moderate at 6 a.m. took the anchor & steered south at meridian Bonavesta 4 miles distant

Thursday 27

Commences with strong trades steering down along shore at 2 p.m. steered S.W. for St. Lago at 8 p.m. hauled by the wind to the east at 6 a.m. May 10 p.m. Distance 20 miles steered off S.W.

Friday 28

Commences with heavy gales steering S.W. for St. Lago at 3 p.m. run in to port passage and anchored in 9 fathoms found two whaling vessels & several merchant vessels laying here

Saturday 29

Commences with strong trades middle & latter part the same

Sunday 30 Commences with strong trade,  
middle part the same latter part let  
Starboard watch go ashore on liberty viz  
William Corwell Christopher Saunders Daniel  
Surpee James & Bowers William Boyle &  
Nicholas van Patton after the liberty men  
had gone we found William Wilson was  
missing with all his clothes

Monday 31  
Commences with strong trades at 5 pm  
sent the boat in for liberty men it  
being the time the liberty expired at sun-  
set boat returned with one viz Nicholas  
van Patton middle & part the same men  
still absent was obliged to keep the Larboard  
~~with~~ watch on board in consequence of not  
having men enough on board

Tuesday January 1<sup>st</sup> 1756  
Commences with strong trades at 4.30 pm  
two of the beforementioned men came on  
board again viz William Corwell & Christopher  
Saunders the other ~~three~~ still absent  
middle & latter part the same the two  
whalers went to sea

31/1  
Wednesday 2<sup>d</sup>  
Commences with hard gales middle &  
latter the same

Thursday 3<sup>d</sup>  
Commences with strong trade, took two  
natives on trial let Starboard watch go  
ashore on liberty

Friday January 4<sup>th</sup> Commences with strong trades employed various ways shipped three more natives

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with stronger trades employed in getting ready for sea middle part moderate at 8 am took the anchor and stood out by the wind to the SBB

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with moderate trades heading up SBB under all sail middle & latter part the same

Lat 13 38 Long 20 44

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with moderate gales heading up SBB middle part fresh gales in light sails at 9 am tacked to the NW latter more moderate

Lat 13 27 Long 19 53

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with brisk trades heading up NW middle & latter part the same saw a ship to windward steering to the south

Lat 14 32 Long 21 18

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with strong trades heading up NW at 7 am saw Barravista bearing NW distance 30 miles at meridian Island 10 miles distant

Thursday Aug 10<sup>th</sup> Commences with strong  
trades heading in for the Island found the  
Vn P Soliman at anchor middle part hard  
gales at 4 a m saw St Nicholas Island bearing  
W or W distant 20 miles at 8 tacked to  
the S<sup>W</sup>

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

Commences with strong trades heading up  
S<sup>W</sup> at 6 p m tacked to the S<sup>W</sup> at 8 a m  
to the S<sup>W</sup> at 6 a m saw the Isle of Sal at  
medica Sal 10 miles distant

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

Commences with strong trades heading  
up to the anchorage at Mederic Bay  
at 3 p m anchored in 9 fathoms found  
the Vn P Soliman & East Ben Franklin  
lying here middle & latter part hard  
gales as usual

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

Commences with strong trades middle  
& latter part much the same

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

Commences with strong trades middle &  
latter part light wind employed in  
setting up bowsprit rigging & staying masts

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light wind sent down  
mainmast & made a new stay

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light wind sent up  
mainmast & set up the rigging  
latter heavy gales

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

Commences with hard gales middle & latter  
part the same one humpback on the ground  
yet

Friday January 18<sup>th</sup> 186 Commences with  
hard gales middle & latter part much the  
same kept a good look out saw nothing

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with strong trades middle part  
the same at 6 a.m. took the anchor and  
steered off for Bonavesta

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with moderate trades running  
down along shore at 3 p.m. let go the anchor

Monday 21<sup>st</sup>  
Commences with light trades employed  
various ways

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Commences with strong trades latter part  
the same awaiting patiently for humpbacks  
to come in

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Commences with strong trades latter part  
the same

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with strong trades latter part  
the same

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with strong trades latter blowing  
a gale

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with heavy gales latter part  
moderate

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with moderate trades  
latter part the same

Monday January 28/56 Commences with  
light wind latter part the same

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with light trades middle  
& latter part Calm saw nothing

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with Calm & light air, middle  
& latter part the same

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>  
Commences with light air & Calm latter  
part the same no whales yet

Friday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 56  
Commences with light air latter part  
the same saw nothing

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Commences with light air & Calm saw  
nothing

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Commences with light air & Calm  
at 6 a.m. Wm P. Collier got underway at 8  
saw a humpback the first one that has  
been seen by any one could not catch  
him

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with light trades at 8 a.m.  
took our anchor & beat up along shore  
looking for humpback

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with strong trades beating  
up along shore at 6 p.m. tacked off  
for the night at 3 a.m. tacked in latter  
part steering in for English roads

# Remarks On Board Brig Homer.

Wednesday Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1867

Commences with strong trades at 1 p.m.  
Came to anchor at English roads in afternoon  
latter part blowing a gale

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

Commences with heavy gale, middle part  
the same at 6 a.m. saw two humpbacks  
did not lower in consequence of being wide out

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

Commences with strong trades at 2 p.m.  
saw one at 3 got a shot at one at 4 got another  
shot & stopped him shot on & struck him &  
killed him was obliged to cut in consequence  
of getting a boat stove way obliged to anchor  
the boat blowing heavy could not get her  
to the vessel at 6 a.m. took the anchor  
& run down & took up the boat saw nothing  
of the whale

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

Commences with strong trades at 4 p.m.  
run in & unchored latter part blowing  
a gale as usual

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

Commences with hard gales latter the  
same

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

Commences with heavy gales as usual  
latter part the same

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Commences with heavy gales at

Thursday Feb 12/66 Commences with heavy gales at 6 a.m. took our anchor & run out looking for whales in Co with the Solinas & the Hamilton the Hammer took the lead beat the Solinas both by a large which was better than a good breakfast to us at 11 saw two whales going quick did not lower

Wednesday 13  
Commences with strong trades beatings up to the Island at 4 p.m. lost the anchor latter more moderate

Thursday 14  
Commences with strong trades latter part the same

Friday 15  
Commences with hard gales latter the same

Saturday 16  
Commences with strong trades middle part light wind at 6 a.m. took the anchor & run out to the north in Co with the Watchman Solinas & both vessels saw two humpbacks the Solinas boat struck one it flung very heavy & very rugged lost him at midday came in again & anchored

Sunday 17  
Commences with hard gales middle & latter part the same

Monday 18  
Commences with hard gales latter part the same

Brig Homer At Cape & Herd Island

Tuesday Jan 19 1867

Commences with strong trade, the  
sloop struck a whale & ~~struck~~ & got  
a boat & ~~put~~ stone it being the third  
whale & got a large price yet at  
3 pm took the anchor & stood to the  
S at noon took the anchor & stood in saw nothing

Wednesday 20

Commences with strong trade, at 3 pm  
run in & anchored middle part more  
moderate at 7 am took the anchor &  
run out looking for humpbacks

Thursday 21

Commences with hard gales at 3 pm  
run in & anchored middle part moderate  
at 8 am took the anchor & stood up along  
shore at 9 run in & anchored remaining a  
hurricane

Friday 22

Commences with heavy gales at 8 am took  
the anchor took a look along shore both ways  
saw nothing

Saturday 23

Commences with strong trade, heading in  
at 1 pm saw two humpbacks followed in  
pursuit in Co with Watchman Seliver &  
Hamiltons boats got nothing came aboard  
at 6 anchored middle & rather hard gales

Sunday 24

Commences with hard gales middle  
part calm rather hard gales

Monday Feb<sup>y</sup> 25/26 Commences with  
hard gales at 6 a m took the anchor &  
stood to the north

Tuesday 26

Commences with strong trades, heading up  
SW at 2 p m sail St Nicholas Island SW  
30 miles distant middle part of son latter  
part swept the bay round saw nothing  
this day the 2 boats refused duty

Wednesday 27

Commences with strong trades steering  
by the wind to the west at 2 p m in  
jib foretop sail & double reefed the main  
sail

Thursday 28

Commences with strong trades latter  
part beating up to St Vincent

Friday 29

Commences with strong trades, beating  
in to a bay on the west side of St Vincent  
at 3 p m let go the anchor in 10 fathoms  
sandy bottom latter part light wind  
saw a number of humpbacks wide off  
shore

Saturday March 1st /26

Commences with moderate trades at 2 p m  
saw several humpbacks covered could  
not catch them latter part saw more

Sunday 2

Commences with strong trades at 1 p m  
covered could not catch them latter part  
covered again & shot one but he went off  
with the bomb in his xxx

Monday March 3<sup>d</sup> 186  
Commences with strong trades latter part  
the same same nothing

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Commences with strong trades at 1 p.m.  
lowered for a humpback could not <sup>get</sup> near him  
latter part Calm employed in blackings land

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Commences with Calm & light air at 3 p.m.  
lowered for humpbacks but all to no purpose  
showing the Seric cannot get near them  
latter part blowing a gale

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

Commences with heavy gales at 4 p.m. lowered  
in chase of humpbacks got nothing middle  
part Calm latter lowered again & shot one  
after chasing 4 hours he went off

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

Commences with fresh trades middle  
part Calm at 8 a.m. lowered for humpbacks  
at meridian shot & struck one

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>

Commences with strong trades at 2 p.m.  
got the whale dead 12 miles from the  
vessel at 7 got him alongside in our absence  
the authorities had put a guard on board at 8  
two boats came off with 20 or 30 soldiers  
& armed & demanded the ship's register &  
crew list got them went on shore again  
middle part Calm at 8 a.m. began to cut  
at 8.30 lowered gun shot & struck a  
humpback iron came out we lost him

Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> Commences with light air & Calm at 2 p.m. finished Cutting middle part light trades latter part light wind from the westward saw humpbacks ride out

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with light wind from the west at 1 p.m. began to hail middle part Calm at 9 a.m. finished hailing 20 lbs

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with light wind from the south at 4 p.m. lowered & shot at a humpback did not hit him latter part strong trades

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with strong trades middle part the same latter part lowered down & Chased got nothing

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with hard gales latter part blowing a Hurricane could not lower a boat stored our oil down

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with heavy gales middle part the same latter more moderate saw humpbacks off shore

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with strong trades latter lowered but to no purpose

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with strong trade at 2 p.m. lowered down & shot a whale middle part light wind at daylight lowered for whales close in shore could not get near them wild as march hares shy as the Devil

# Brig Homer At Cape De Verde

Monday March 17/56

Commences with light airs & Calm latter part the same saw whales ride out did not lower

Tuesday 18

Commences with light airs & Calm middle & latter part heavy gales saw whales in the offing

Wednesday 19

Commences with heavy gales at 7 am covered shot & struck a whale was obliged to cut from him in consequence of his running off shore & blowing a gale of wind it this is not hard to so good as tell one what is

Thursday 20

Commences with heavy gales middle & latter blowing a gale cannot lower a boat

Friday 21

Commences with heavy gales middle and latter part much the same saw nothing

Saturday 22

Commences with heavy gales at 6 am put Nicholas Van Patten in irons for quarrelling with his shipmates in the part light wind saw whales covered shot at one could not catch him

Sunday 23

Commences with light wind middle & latter part much the same & saw whales in sight this 24 hours

Monday March 24<sup>th</sup> 186 Commences with  
light trades middle and latter part blowing  
a gale saw nothings

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with heavy gales latter blowing  
a hurricane saw a number of whales  
in the offing Could not lower a boat

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with heavy gales middle and  
latter blowing a hurricane saw whales  
Could not lower a boat

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with heavy gales middle &  
latter part blowing a hurricane saw whales  
Could not lower

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with heavy gales middle &  
latter part blowing a tremendous gale  
sent down fore royal & topgallant saw  
whales Could not lower a boat

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with heavy gales latter the  
same sent down topgallant plenty whales  
in the bay Cannot lower

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with heavy gales latter part the  
same whales in sight Cannot lower

Monday 31<sup>st</sup>  
Commences with heavy gales middle &  
latter part blowing a hurricane saw  
whales Could not lower a boat

Brig. Homer At Cape de Verde

Tuesday April 1st 186

Commences with heavy gales middle part  
more moderate latter heavy gales some  
whales could not lower

Wednesday 2d

Commences with heavy gales middle and  
latter part blowing a hurricane

Thursday 3d

Commences with heavy gales latter part  
the same

Friday 4th

Commences with heavy gales latter part  
the same saw nothing

Saturday 5th

Commences with heavy gales latter part  
blowing a hurricane 13 says it has  
been blowing a gale & plenty - whalers  
the most of the time could not  
lower a boat

Sunday 6th

Commences with heavy gales latter  
part blowing a hurricane saw  
whales could not lower

Monday 7th

Commences with heavy gales latter  
part the same

Tuesday 8th

Commences with heavy gales latter  
part the same saw whales could not lower

Wednesday 9th

Commences with heavy gale latter part  
the same plenty whales could not lower

Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup> Commences  
with heavy gales middle & latter part  
more moderate saw a great many whales  
in the offing

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with strong gales latter part  
about the same saw whales wide off

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with hard gales latter about the  
same of course whales all round us but  
lower

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with hard gales latter more  
moderate at noon took the anchor  
round to St Nicholas for water

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with strong gales heading  
up S by E under close reef at 3 am tacked  
to the S.W. St Nicholas 20 miles distant

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with strong gales heading  
up S.W. at 2 pm tacked to the S.E.  
at 3 am to the S.W. at 11 to the  
S.E.

Lat 16.20

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with strong gales heading  
up S.E. latter part to the S.W.

Lat 15.59

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with strong gales  
heading up S.W. at 2 pm tacked  
S.W. heading to the S.E. middle  
& latter part the most of the time

Lat 16.21

Brigs Harmer Towards Western Isles

Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with Calm at 2 p.m.  
took a breeze middle & latter up  
at 3 p.m. saw porpoises in abundance

Lat 17.13 Long Ch. 27.30

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with moderate trades  
beaching up e & w anchor all sail  
middle & latter up with same nothing

Lat 17.02 Long Ch. 28.00

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with moderate trades beaching  
up e & w latter part about the same

Lat 16.29 Long Ch. 29.44

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>  
Commences with moderate trades Course e & w  
middle & latter equally saw 3 sail

Lat 15.21 Long Ch. 30.30

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Commences with light wind & variable  
up e & w Course topgallant & royal  
yard saw two sail

Lat 14.48 Long 30.00

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Commences with light wind Course e & w  
middle & latter Calm the most of the  
time

Lat 14.21 Long 31.20

Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> 1856 Commences with  
light air & calm at 2 pm took a breeze  
from the south latter part tack to  
wind

Lat 25.46 Long 32.04

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

Commences with moderate gales from  
the S.W. up & S.W. middle & latter part  
much the same

Lat 26.55 Long 31.25

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>

Commences with moderate gales from  
the S.W. up & S.W. latter part the same  
struck a porpoise & lost him chased another  
& made him sweat

Lat 28.49 Long 30.50

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light wind & variable  
up & S.W. middle part calm at 4 pm took  
the wind from the S.W. saw nothing

Lat 29.21 Long 30.40

Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light wind from the  
S.W. up & S.W. latter part light air  
calm struck a porpoise & lost him

Lat 30.05 Long 32.36

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>

Commences with calm & light air  
& calm middle part the same latter  
light wind from S.W. course a W. per  
compass saw porpoises

Lat 30.40 Long 33.00

Wednesday April 30 / 06  
Commences with light wind from  
SW middle & latter part hard gales  
in light sails course SEW

Lat 32.00 Long 34.33

Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Commences with hard gales from the  
SW course SEW at 4 p.m. Can be  
reefed at 6 in main sail set the sail  
at 10 split the sail at 11 Nicholas and Patton  
got in to a range with Carpenter  
trying to strike him with the pump  
Blake the officers of the interposed  
he struck <sup>him</sup> with it took him & put  
him in irons & put him down in the  
half deck latter more moderate saw  
fair sail

Lat 33.01 Long 35.00

Friday 2<sup>d</sup>

Commences with heavy gales blowing  
under short sail latter the same

Lat 34.20 Long 35.45

Saturday 3<sup>d</sup>

Commences with hard gales from  
SW laying under short sail

Lat 35.26 Long 36.30

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>

Commences with hard gales from SW  
middle & latter the same employed  
in setting up head rigging

Lat 36.01 Long 37.52

Monday May 24<sup>th</sup> Commences with  
light wind from the west Course set  
Caught three porpoises struck two more & lost  
them Chased another & made him sweat

Lat 36.43 Long 36.48

~~Monday~~ Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light wind from  
the S.W. Course set middle & latter part hard  
gales under short sail Caught one ~~porpoise~~ porpoise

Lat 37.45 Long 38.05

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Commences with hard gales from the S.W. heading  
up West under short sail middle & latter  
part hard rain

Lat 38.30 Long 38.30

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

Commences with hard rain wind nowhere  
particular middle & latter part light wind  
from west

Lat 38.50 Long 39.40

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light wind from the west  
middle & latter part calm saw finbacks  
porpoises & blackfish going quick

Lat 38.19 Long 40.09

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>

Commences with calm & light air middle  
& latter part hard gales from the S.W.

Lat 37.37 Long 40.30

# Remarks On Board Brig Homer

Sunday May 11

Commenced with heavy gales from the ESE  
up with a moderate short sail middle &  
latter part SSW blowings a gale.

Lat 36.19 Long 40.31

Monday 12

Commenced with heavy gales from the  
East up SSW under close reef with  
the third beam up latter part  
the same

Lat 35.15 Long 40.20

Tuesday 13

Commenced with heavy gales, laying under  
short sail middle & latter part the  
same came on back to windward

Lat 34.36 Long 40.10

Wednesday 14

Commenced with hard gales from the  
East headings up SSW under short  
sail middle & latter light wind

Lat 34.00 Long 40.15

Thursday 15

Commenced with light wind from the  
East headings up SSW middle & latter  
part the same saw two ships

Lat 33.48 Long 40.10

Friday 16

Commenced with light wind from  
the S by E at 1 pm headed  
the ship James Cheston of Baltimore  
at 8 am saw two sperm whales going  
like shot out of a shell. Covered

but to no purpose came aboard & took  
in all but the storm sails blowing a  
gale of course attended with rain

Lat  $36^{\circ}00'$  Long  $40^{\circ}30'$

Saturday May 17/56

Commences with hard gales from  
the south laying under storm sails  
middle & latter part blowing heavy wind  
veering to the west

Lat  $36^{\circ}27'$  Long  $40^{\circ}00'$

Sunday 18

Commences with heavy gales from  
the S.W. laying storm sails middle  
& latter part more moderate wind  
veering to the north

Lat  $36^{\circ}55'$  Long  $40^{\circ}36'$

Monday 19

Commences with heavy gales from the  
S.W. laying under storm sails middle  
part moderating latter wind light

Lat  $36^{\circ}50'$  Long  $39^{\circ}14'$

Tuesday 20

Commences with light wind from the  
S.W. heading up East middle & latter  
calm heard the Beacon from Lister Head  
to Newfoundland

Lat  $36^{\circ}57'$  Long  $39^{\circ}20'$

Wednesday 21

Commences with calm at 1 p.m. took a breeze  
from the S.W. course S.W. middle part  
fresh gales attended with rain latter  
foggy

Lat  $38^{\circ}00'$  Long  $40^{\circ}00'$

Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup> Commences  
with fresh gales from the West attended  
with thick fogs laying under storm sails  
middle & latter part hard gales

Lat 37.11 Long 40.20

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Commences with hard gales from the west  
laying under storm sails latter hard gales  
attended with rain

Lat 36.05 Long 41.00

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

Commences with hard gales from the west  
laying under storm sails at 1 pm split  
maintrysail were ship & cat balance reef  
mainseil middle part more moderate  
latter blowing a heavy gale with a very  
high sea

Lat 37.08 Long 39.14

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

Commences with heavy gales from  
W & W laying under storm sails  
beaching to the north middle & latter  
part about the same blowing like the  
Devil as usual

Lat 38.02 Long 38.00

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

Commences with hard gales laying  
under storm sails middle part  
moderating latter light wind with  
a very high swell from the north

Lat 38.34 Long 38.24

Thursday May 27/26 Commences  
with light wind from the W & W heading  
up North middle part about the same  
latter wind veering to the south

Lat 39.28 Long 38.49

Wednesday 28

Commences with light wind from the  
WSW heading up SW middle & latter  
part heavy gales attended with rain

Lat 40.20 Long 39.10

Thursday 29

Commences with heavy gales from the  
SW laying under storm sails middle  
part gradually latter part calm with  
a swell as high as the Redtrees Bright  
a pospise

Lat 39.46 Long 40.10

Friday 30

Commences with Calms & light airs  
with a tremendous high swell middle  
part the same latter light wind from  
SSW heading up SW with all sail set  
the first time for 30 days

Lat 38.43 Long 40.35

Saturday 31

Commences with light wind from  
SSW heading up SW middle & latter  
thick fog the most of the time

Lat 37.48 Long 41.00

Sunday June 1st Commences with  
light wind from the SW attended with  
thick fog headings up SW middle & latter  
rain

Lat 37° 20' Long 111° 10'

Monday 2<sup>d</sup>

Commences with Calms & light airs  
with fog squalls middle & latter about the  
same. some finbacks

Lat 37° 45' Long 111° 20'

Tuesday 3<sup>d</sup>

Commences with light airs & Calms with  
fog squalls latter light wind from SW  
course set & some blackfish lowered down  
& caught one

Lat 38° 14' Long blackfish

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light wind from SW  
course set at 5 pm lowered down  
& picked up a cask spirits turpentine  
middle part the same latter fresh gale  
and hard rain

Lat 39° 30' Long 111° 00'

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

Commences with fresh gales from WSW  
attended with rain latter fine weather

Lat 40° 50' Long 112° 11'

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

Commences with moderate gales from SW  
course set middle & latter blowing a gale  
with hard rain

Lat 41° 20' Long 111° 50'

Saturday June 7/56 Commences with heavy  
gales from SW attended with fine rain under  
storm sails heading up BB latter part hard  
gales

Lat 34.45 Long 40.09

Sunday 8  
Commences with hard gales from the SW  
headings up BB under storm sails  
middle & latter moderate set all sail saw a  
number of vessels

Lat 39.43 Long 39.24

Monday 9  
Commences with light wind from the SW  
headings up south at 1 pm tacked to the  
SW middle & latter wind from SW Course BB

Lat 40.43 Long 37.39

Tuesday 10  
Commences with brisk breezes from SW Course  
BB middle hard rain latter foggy Course BB

Lat 41.26 Long 32.56

Wednesday 11  
Commences with hard gales from SW  
Course BB under short sail middle and  
latter thick fog saw two vessels

Lat 40.10 Long 32.38

Thursday 12  
Commences with fresh gales from the SW  
Course BB middle & latter part the  
same saw a number of vessels

Lat 39.37

Friday June 13<sup>th</sup> Commences with strong gales from the WSW Course SSW at 11 p.m. saw the islands of Barro & Flores were SSW Flores SSW Distance 20 miles at 6 p.m. headed off shore at 8 a.m. spoke Bark Sparter 12 months out 300 lbs whale at meridian Flores south distant 12 miles

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with light wind from the west Headings up SSW at 5 p.m. saw Blackfish covered & caught two at midnight tacked to the south latter to the SSW Course 10 miles distant

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with light wind from the west Headings up SSW middle & latter part calm Course SSW distant 20 miles

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with Calm & light airs middle & latter part the same Flores SSW distant 30 miles

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with Calm & light airs middle part the same latter light wind from SSW Course SSW Course south distant 20 miles six regals in eight picked up a stick of timber

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with light wind from SSW middle & latter part the same at 8 a.m. boat went on shore at Flores for refreshments

Thursday June 19<sup>th</sup> Commences  
with light wind from the S & blows off  
& on all shores getting off recruits  
latter heading up north along south distant  
8 miles saw a brig

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light wind from S & heading  
up north middle part Calm latter light wind  
from S & Course and saw 12 vessels

Lat 40.36 Long 31.38

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

Commences with light wind from S & Course  
and at 7 p.m. saw a large vessel 12 or 15  
miles off middle & latter about the same  
saw blackish covered board and catch them  
saw fifteen vessels

Lat 41.30 Long 31.41

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Commences with light air & Calm middle  
part fresh breezes from S & Course and  
per compass latter hard gale

Lat 42.24 Long 30.12

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Commences with hard gale from S & W  
Course and at 7 p.m. shortened sail  
& luffed by the wind to the S & latter  
under storm sails

Lat 43.04 Long 28.51

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Commences with heavy gale laying  
under storm sails latter part moderate  
Course S & W

Lat 43.28 Long 27.16

Wednesday June 25/56 Commences with light wind from S W Course with middle & latter much the same some blackfish hauled could not catch them

Lat 44.13 Long 27.10.

Thursday 26

Commences with light wind from S W Course with middle & latter part by the wind to the S W, sent down maintopmast to fit it

Lat 44.22 Long 27.30

Thursday 27

Commences with light wind from the west Headings up WSW at 4 p m sent up maintopmast middle & latter Calm

Lat 44.49 Long 27.30

Friday 28

Commences with Calm middle & latter part light wind from S W up WSW under all sail saw a number of vessels

Lat 44.54 Long 28.44

Saturday 29

Commences with light wind from S W up WSW middle & latter part up west with fresh breezes in light sails

Lat 44.26 Long 30.59

Sunday 30

Commences with fresh gales from S W Headings up west latter part heavy gales attended with rain

Lat 44.06 Long 32.40

Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> Commences with heavy gales from SSW heading up west under short sail middle part accelerates wind veering to the west tacked to the SSW latter thick bar bar sail

Lat 43.45 Long 33.00

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Commences with moderate gales from west Headings up SSW middle part equally attended with rain & wind latter foggy

Lat 42.46 Long 32.15

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Commences with moderate breezes from SW Headings up SSW middle part wind light latter calm boarded ship Gattenberg of New Orleans bound to Havre supplied them with potatoes & Onions saw finbacks & porpoises

Lat 41.49 Long 33.57

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light airs Headings up west at 4 pm picked up a stick of timber 18 inches square & 40 feet long arising from calm latter light wind from WSW saw finbacks

Lat 41.05 Long 34.25

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light wind from WSW WSW middle part calm latter light wind saw breaches & a number of reefs

Lat 40.34 Long 35.30

Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> Commences with light  
wind from S. Course S.W. middle part  
under short sail Course W. & latter all  
sail Course S.W. saw a number of seals

Lat 39.40 Long 36.44

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light breezes from S.S.  
Course S.W. middle & latter part under  
close reef headings up S.S. blowing heavy

Lat 38.21 Long 36.43

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Commences with heavy gales from East  
headings up S.S. under close reef middle  
part the same at 6 am steered off  
W.S.W. made sail

Lat 37.14 Long 37.42

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Commences with heavy gales from S.S.  
Course S.W. middle & latter headings  
to the S.W. with squally weather

Lat 36.29 Long 39.04

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

Commences with moderate gales  
from south headings up W.S.W.  
latter squally saw humpbacks it being  
squally did not lower

Lat 35.44 Long 39.44

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

Commences with strong gales from the  
south & squally middle part hard rain  
latter fine weather.

Lat 35.15 Long 41.05

Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup> Commences with light wind from the S<sup>W</sup> heading up. At 5 pm picked up a stick of timber 17 inches square & 50 feet long. Latter hard gales. Course & W saw nothing.

Lat 35-44 Long 42-20

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

Commences with hard gales from S<sup>W</sup> Course & W middle part but the wind latter ~~wind~~ veered to the E & attended with rain.

Lat 36-44 Long 42-35

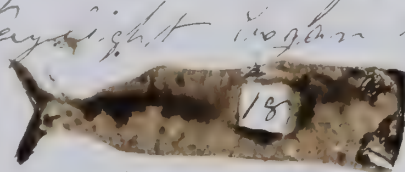
Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

Commences with fresh gales from W & up S<sup>W</sup> at 5 pm went 1000 to the E & W middle part the same at 9 am saw whales that proved to be sperm whales at meridian covered in pursuit.

Lat 37-25 Long 43-00

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>

Commences with brisk breezes from the south. Boats off at 1 pm struck two whales, succeeded in taking them alongside but one in & laid by the other through the night. Wind moderate at daylight began to E<sup>SE</sup> at 9 am finished & veered to W & W under short sail saw a Brig.



Lat 37-20 Long 44-10

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

Commences with fresh gales from S<sup>W</sup> heading up. W & W under short sail at 3 pm began to hail middle & latter part hard gales.

Lat 37-26 Long 44-34

Thursday July 17/56 Commences with  
hard gale, from SW employed in sailing at  
10 p m finished latter part squally wind  
veering to the west

Lat  $37.45$  Long  $44.48$

Friday 18

Commences with hard gale from the west  
beasting up & was under short sail  
middle & latter blowing, a gale came a brig.  
Barometer  $29.9/10$

Lat  $38.15$  Long  $44.00$

Saturday 19

Commences with heavy gale, from NW  
paying under storm sails at 2 p m  
split main top sail blowing a hurricane  
latter part more moderate wind veering  
to the south

Barometer  $30.2/10$

Lat  $38.50$  Long  $44.50$

Sunday 20

Commences with hard gale, from  
NW paying under storm sails  
middle & latter light wind saw nothing.

Lat  $40.12$  Long  $44.10$

Barometer  $30.4/10$

Monday 21

Commences with light wind from  
NW Course set at 7 p m south middle  
& latter light wind from NW employed  
in stowing down saw 3 sail

Barometer  $30.5/10$

Lat  $39.35$  Long  $44.15$

Tuesday 22

Commences with light wind from  
NW Course south middle & latter  
light wind from the south saw  
blackish covered could not catch them

Lat  $38.50$  Long  $45.10$

Wednesday July 23 Commences with  
light wind from the east course south at  
2 p m pick up a schooner sailing from  
twenty eight feet long lowered for Blackfish  
could not strike middle part of him latter  
light wind from west pointed starboard  
west

Barometer 30.5/10  
Lat 41° 38.29 Long 43-00

Thursday 24

Commences with light wind from west  
course south at 4 p m lowered for Blackfish  
struck one iron came out lost him  
middle part steering south at 6 a m saw  
sperm whales lowered & struck one  
of half struck him iron came out &  
lost him came aboard & steered off in  
pursuit at 11 lowered again at noon  
struck another iron came out & lost  
**HIM** in consequence of not putting the  
irons in properly saw a whaling bark

Lat 41° 38.08 Long 42-40

Friday 25

Commences with light wind from  
the west boats off in pursuit at  
2 p m came aboard at 4 lowered again  
could not get up to them spoke  
the bark Ben Franklin found they  
had lost Capt Brown he died the 18<sup>th</sup>  
of mumps middle & latter hard gales  
at 8 a m put sickles on bayon in irons for  
stealing Lat 41° 37.50 Long 41-30

Saturday 26

Commences with hard gale from N E  
headings up south middle part the  
came at 8 a m saw a schooner gangnet  
whales at 9 saw the whales turned to  
leeward steered off in pursuit so and  
squally

Lat 41° 2.09 Long 41-00

Sunday July 27/54 Commences with  
broad gale, from S.W. steering off in pursuit  
of whales at 1 p.m. however but to no purpose  
middle part heavy gales at 10 a.m. saw  
branches supposed them to be sperm whales  
goings very quick to windward did not  
get near the lower



Lat 41° 29' Long 41° 10'

Monday 28

Commences with heavy gales from S.W.  
headings up 1/4 S.W. at 1 p.m. spoke Sch  
S.K. Laker 10 months out 2000 middle  
part headings to the south latter to  
the S.W. same gumpers

Lat 41° 41' Long S.K. 41° 20'

Tuesday 29

Commences with heavy gales from  
W.S.W. & equally at 1 p.m. in all sail  
latter moderate wind S.W.

Lat 41° 38' 35' Long 41° 16'

Wednesday 30

Commences with broad gales from S.W.  
headings up S.W. at 1 p.m. stacked  
to the W.S.W. middle & latter part calm

Lat 41° 38' 18' Long 41° 30'

Thursday 31

Commences with Calm & light air,  
at 2 p.m. took a breeze from W.S.W.  
middle & latter part light wind  
saw nothing

Lat 41° 37' 09' Long S.K. 42° 00'

Thursday August 1st / 50 Commences  
with light wind from the N.E. &  
loading up S.W. middle & latter part calm  
same nothing  
Lat 36.15 Long 43.19

Friday 2nd  
Commences with calm at 2 p.m. took a  
wreck from East middle part - hard gales at  
10 a.m. some whales lowered & struck two got  
one boat slightly stove

Lat 36.45 Long 43.30

Saturday 3rd  
Commences with fresh gales from S.W. at  
3 p.m. took the whales alongside but one  
in said bay the other through the night -  
at daylight  
looked on at  
7 finished work



to the W.W. wind from S.W. & fine weather  
employed in getting ready to sail

Lat 37.29 Long 43.20

Sunday 4th  
Commences with light wind from S.W. heading  
up W.W. at 2 p.m. began to sail middle  
& latter fresh gales

Lat 37.33 Long 44.20

Monday 5th  
Commences with fresh gales from S.W.  
Loading up W.W. employed in heaving  
at 4 p.m. finished at 6 p.m. to the S.W.  
middle & latter part heavy gales  
as usual laying under bottom sails  
holding by the tail (but nothing  
like aunt). Hoppers Barometer 30.2/10

Lat 37.11 Long 43.45

Wednesday August 6/56 Commences  
with heavy gales from SSW heading up  
under storm sails middle & latter part  
same

Lat 36.09 Long 44.40

Thursday 7

Commences with heavy gales from SSW  
sailing under staysails latter part the  
same

Lat 37.16 Long 44.30

Friday 8

Commences with heavy gales from SSW  
sailing under staysails latter moderating

Lat 37.24 Long 44.50

Saturday 9

Commences with fresh gales from SSW  
sailing under storm sails latter  
fresh gales from S & attended with rain

Lat 37.40 Long 45.00

Sunday 10

Commences with heavy gales from SSW  
sailing under staysails middle part  
squally latter moderate make sail

Lat 38.02 Long 44.19

Monday 11

Commences with fresh gales from S &  
heading up & SSW middle & latter part  
light wind

Lat 39.14 Long 44.40

Tuesday 12

Commences with light wind from  
SSW heading up Port latter part making  
a heavy gale sailing under staysails

Lat 40.03 Long 41.10

Wednesday August 13 Commences with heavy gales from south to East layings under staysails middle part the beam at 3 2 saw a ship steering to the west latter moderatings since at 4 0

Lat 39.47 Long 41.46

Thursday 14

Commences with hard gales from west layings under staysails at 1 p m set fore topsail close reef middle part calm latter fresh gales from west Course 85 5 parted mainstay employed fitting it

Lat 40.15 Long 40.20

Friday 15

Commences with fresh gales from west Course 85 0 latter by the wind to the south

Lat 40.24 Long 40.02

Saturday 16

Commences with fresh gales from the west heading 85 0 latter steering 85 0

Lat 40.27 Long 38.35

Sunday 17

Commences with hard gales from W 8 1/2 Course 85 0 middle part by the wind latter 85 0

Lat 40.55 Long 36.56

Monday 18

Commences with heavy gales from W 8 1/2 Course 85 0 at 4 p m luffed by the wind to the south saw a whale ship latter headed to the south

Lat 40.17 Long 36.25

Monday August 17/26 Commences with  
fresh gales from west heading up  
middle & latter part calm the  
most of the time saw a brig

Lat 40° 38' Long. OK 36° 30'

Tuesday 18  
Commences with calm & light airs  
middle part took a breeze from S W  
breeze S W saw two sail

Lat 40° 47' Long. OK 35° 20'

Wednesday 19  
Commences with light breeze from  
S W breeze S W stored our oil down middle  
& latter part by the wind

Lat 40° 23' Long. OK 32° 15'

Thursday 20  
Commences with fresh gales from  
S W heading up S W middle & latter  
part heavy gales & squally, laying  
under staysails

Lat OK 39° 50' Long 31° 00'

Friday 21  
Commences with heavy gales from  
west heading up S W wind veering  
to the north middle part moderating

Lat OK 39° 52' Long 30° 50'

Saturday 22  
Commences with light wind from  
north breeze S W middle & latter calm  
the most of the time

Lat OK 39° 16' Long Lunar 33° 22'

OK 29° 50'

Monday August 24/46 Commences  
with Calm & light air at 4 pm. Reached  
ship Cabinet of New York from New Orleans  
bound to Bordeaux middle & latter Calm

Lat 39° 35' Long 73° 00'

Tuesday 25

Commences with Calm middle & latter  
part about the same employed in painting  
waist boat

Lat 39° 40' Long 72° 55'

Wednesday 26

Commences with Calm caught a turtle  
middle part the same latter part  
light wind from south up 8 30  
employed reeving new lanyards to the  
fore rigging. Thence sail in sight

Lat 39° 48' Long 72° 10'

Thursday 27

Commences with light wind from  
south up 8 30 at 2 pm saw Corvée bearing  
S 80° E per compass distance fifty miles  
& Flores S 30° E distance sixty miles  
middle & latter part the same  
saw a number of vessels employed reeving  
fore rigging

Lat 40° 00'

Friday 28

Commences with light wind from south  
bearing up W 30° E middle part tooked  
as required latter part stood in to  
Flores went on shore with boat  
after refreshments & water

<sup>1</sup>  
Saturday August 30 / 56 Commences  
with fresh gales from west - laying off  
& on at 11 a.m. at 4 p.m. get a raft  
of bark ashore for water & stand off  
for the night at 1 p.m. take main  
boom off in consequence of getting  
crack by & through Sam Barkle's  
latter part heavy gales in foresail

<sup>2</sup>  
Sunday 31  
Commences with heavy gales from  
west & blowing off shore middle part  
about the same latter moderating  
Island at distance 20 miles saw a  
number of vessels

<sup>3</sup>  
Monday September 1  
Commences with fresh gales from  
West heading in shore middle part  
calm latter light air from S.E. employed  
in splittings mainboom 11 a.m. distance  
20 miles

<sup>4</sup>  
Tuesday 2  
Commences with light wind from S.E.  
middle & latter part wind from S.W.  
Island S.E. distance 8 miles employed on  
mainboom

<sup>5</sup>  
Wednesday 3  
Commences with fresh gales from S.W.  
middle part heavy gales latter  
calm employed on mainboom

<sup>6</sup>  
Thursday 4  
Commences with light calm  
at 4 p.m. finished mainboom & put  
it to its place middle part light air  
latter fresh gales from the W.S.W.  
attended with rain 11 a.m. W.S.W.  
distance 20 miles

Thursday September 5/56 Commences,  
with fresh gales from the west and veering  
to the east. Heading to the S.W. in middle  
part - light wind latter calm Island 10 miles  
Distant

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with Calm & light airs middle  
part fresh gales from S.W. at 9 a.m. run  
in to the landing, found we could not  
get our water off, stood off under short sail  
middle & latter part under staysails  
blowing like the Devil & very rugged

Lat 40.35 Long 31.07

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with heavy gales from  
W.S.W. laying under storm sails middle  
part moderating latter make sail &  
steered S.W.

Lat 40.54 Long 30.57

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with fresh gales from W.  
Course S.W. middle part Calm at 6 a.m.  
saw the Island of Carac latter fresh gales &  
squally

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>  
Commences with fresh gales from W.S.W.  
Heading up south wind veering four or  
five points each way & squally at 10  
p.m. split the jib off to the Owl  
by & through our Carr. Repairs  
latter part - unhand it to repair  
wind from S.W. so that we can't get  
our water off. Floor 3 miles Distant

Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup> Commence,  
with moderate breeze, from E & heading  
up & S at 2 p.m. finished the jib and  
left it middle part wind light latter  
Calin at noon got our raft of water  
on board after having it ashore two weeks  
& bad weather about all the time

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light air from SSW  
employed in stowing some water middle  
part tacked as required latter got off  
our potatoes & bid adieu to Flores

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light wind from  
the south Centre N & W middle &  
latter part the same same nothing

Lat 38-18 Long 33-14

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light wind from  
S & Centre west at midnight backed  
up the wind to the E & at 8 a.m.  
exchanged signals with a whaler ship  
at noon saw whales going  
very quick to windward did not  
get near enough to lower

Lat 38-49 Long 33-20

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

Commences with fresh gales from  
S & S at 2 p.m. saw a ship amongst  
whales at 4 p.m. covered could  
not get near them latter heading  
to the E & under double reef

Lat 39-01 Long 34-01

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Commences with fresh  
gales from S & S heading up & at 3 am  
tacked to the south latter wind from S &  
Course S W W same nothing

Lat 39.25 Long 34.24

Wednesday 17

Commences with light wind from S & Course  
S W W middle & latter part the same same  
nothing

Lat 38.22 Long 35.16

Thursday 18

Commences with light wind from S &  
Course S W W middle & latter fresh gale

Lat 37.03 Long 37.19

Friday 19

Commences with hard gales from S &  
Course S W W middle & latter under storm  
sails

Lat 36.09 Long 39.05

Saturday 20

Commences with heavy gales from the south  
Course S W W under storm sails middle &  
latter part about the same

Lat 35.47 Long 40.47

Sunday 21

Commences with heavy gales from  
S & Course S W W at 7 am tacked by the  
wind to the S S W latter blowing a gale

Lat 34.58 Long 41.10

Monday September 22/56 Commences  
with heavy gales blowing under staysails  
sloop at last lashed up to the Carit head  
latter more moderate steered off with

Lat 41° 31.23 Long 118° 41.29

Tuesday 23

Commences with moderate gales from  
SE Course is W at 6 pm luffed too  
latter part fine weather Course was  
employed in fitting rigging saw nothing

Lat 41° 34.00 Long 118° 30

Wednesday 24

Commences with light wind from East  
Course was at 6 pm shortened sail  
& hauled by the wind to the north  
middle part the same latter steering  
was a bark headed to the westward  
employed in tarring down rigging

Lat 41° 35.46 Long 118° 39

Thursday 25

Commences with light airs from the  
SE & heading to the NW middle &  
latter wind from west attended with rain

Lat 41° 35.20 Long 118° 30

Friday 26

Commences with light wind from NW  
attended with rain middle part  
squally latter calm with light  
squalls of rain

Lat 41° 35.15 Long 118° 39

Saturday, September 27/56<sup>th</sup> Commence,  
with calm with light squalls of rain  
middle part light wind from the south  
latter heavy gale, as usual course 2-1/2

Lat 35.45 Long 43.49

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

Commences with heavy gales from the south  
course 2-1/2 middle & latter part the same

Lat 36.23 Long 42.12

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>

Commences with heavy gales from SSW  
course 2-1/2 middle part laying by under  
staysails latter part steering 2-1/2

Lat 36.57 Long 46.30

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

Commences with hard gales from SSW  
course 2-1/2 middle & latter part by  
the wind

Lat 36.53 Long 47.46

Wednesday, October 1/56<sup>th</sup>

Commences with hard gales from SSW  
headings up WSS middle part hard  
squalls took up starboard boat to the  
oarit-head

Lat 37.09 Long 48.48

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Commences with heavy gales  
from WSW laying under staysails  
middle part squalls latter  
wind light attended with a very high  
swell from SW Barometer very  
low

Lat 37.37 Long 48.36

Friday October 3<sup>d</sup> 1866 Commences  
with light wind from  $SW$  with a very  
high swell from  $SW$  middle part Calm  
latter part light wind from  $SSW$  Course  
 $W$  &  $SW$  towards Yankee town with a Sea on  
poor voyage in consequence of having  
a gang of paper men some of Bates  
Cock & Co. has babies made after a salt  
fish dinner old when they were born  
& from old now good for nothing and never  
will be just right to hang. Cup in a doctors  
garret to cut puker off of per Cats

Lat  $37^{\circ}12'$  Long  $Chs 49^{\circ}00'$

Saturday

Commences with light wind from  
 $SSW$  Course  $W$  &  $SW$  middle part the same  
passed a brig latter calm saw one finback

Lat  $36^{\circ}45'$  Long  $Chs 49^{\circ}48'$

Sunday

Commences with Calm middle part  
the same latter fresh gales from  $WSW$   
up  $SW$  at meridian tacked to the  $SSW$   
wind from  $W$  &  $SW$

Lat  $36^{\circ}54'$  Long  $50^{\circ}41'$

Monday

Commences with fresh gales from  
 $WSW$  up  $SW$  middle part fresh  
gales from  $SW$  in all but storm sails  
reared brig to the  $SSW$

Lat  $36^{\circ}39'$  Long  $Chs 50^{\circ}15'$

Tuesday

Commences with heavy gales from West  
up  $SSW$  under storm sails middle  
part the same latter light wind

Lat  $35^{\circ}39'$  Long  $50^{\circ}50'$

Wednesday October 8/56 Commences with  
light wind from the north Course W by N  
middle part Calm latter light wind from  
W by W up north employed in painting

Lat 35.19 Long CR 54-00

Thursday 9

Commences with light wind from W by N  
up north middle part light wind from  
the north Course W by N latter part  
the same course breeches the windward

Lat 35.28 Long 54.57

Friday 10

Commences with light wind from  
the north up W by N middle part Calm  
latter part light wind from W by N up  
SW employed repairing foretop sail

Lat 34.54 Long CR 52.21

Saturday 11

Commences with light wind from  
W by N up SW at 4 pm finished fore  
top sail & bent it middle part Calm  
latter light wind from E by S Course W by N  
employed in repairing fore sail

Lat 34.23 Long CR 53.12

Sunday 12

Commences with light wind from E by S  
Course W by N at 4 pm bent fore sail  
at 5 pm hoisted Clipper ship flying fish  
3 days from Boston bound to San Francisco  
& latter part light wind from  
E by S

Lat 34.56 Long CR 53.50

Monday October 13/56 Commences  
with light wind from S S E Course & W  
latter Calm

Latth 35.19 Long 55.04

Tuesday 14  
Commences with Calm & light air  
middle part light wind from the South  
Course W & W latter part hard gales  
in light sails

Latth 35.40 Long Ok 56.10

Wednesday 15  
Commences with hard gales from the  
South Course W & W at 2 p.m. took  
in all sail but three staysails took  
up starboard boat to the Carit head  
middle & latter heavy gales from  
the south up W & W under storm sails

Latth 35.49 Long Ok 58.16

Thursday 16  
Commences with heavy gales from the  
south up W & W under storm sails  
middle & latter part moderate gales  
from S S E Course W & W

Latth 35.59 Long Ok 60.20

Friday 17  
Commences with moderate gales from  
S S E attended with rain Course W & W  
middle part hard squalls of wind  
& rain wind shifted suddenly to  
the west latter Calm

Latth 36.10 Long Ok 61.30

Saturday October 18/26 Commences with  
calms & light air at 1 p.m. took the  
wind from the east under W & W  
under storm sails middle part wind  
veered to the west latter W & W saw two  
sail

Lat 36.30 Long 63.03

Sunday 19

Commences with fresh gales from east  
leading up east middle & latter wind  
beppings attended with hard rain

Lat 36.42 Long 63.30

Monday 20

Commences with light wind from  
west up W & W at 6 p.m. tacked to the  
west wind veering to the north  
middle & latter part heavy gales under  
short sail

Lat 36.21 Long 64.24

Tuesday 21

Commences with hard gales from east  
up W & W under storm sails middle  
part the same latter part moderate  
moderate but per sail mainsail &  
jib down 3 sail

Lat 36.19 Long 66.06

Wednesday 22

Commences with fresh gales from  
east up W & W middle & latter part  
wind light employed in painting  
inside & repairing mainsail

Lat 36.31 Long 67.47

Thursday October 23/56 Commences  
with light wind from WNW heading  
up & at 1 p.m. tacked to the north  
middle & latter hard gales reaped down  
passed great quantity of drift wood

Lat 39.48 Long 68.07

Friday 24

Commences with heavy gales from  
west up WNW at 3 p.m. passed  
a part of a ~~ship~~ lower mast beam  
gale rigging & sail attached to it  
it being rugged did not stop  
at 6 p.m. took reef at 10 in fore sail  
at 11 in fore top sail with hard squalls  
of wind & rain from west & west by  
to the NW latter more moderate

Lat 38.16 Long 69.14

Saturday 25

Commences with hard gales from  
north up WNW under storm sails  
middle part the same latter  
more moderate made sail at 10 a.m.  
tacked to the westward ship

Lat 38.12 Long 70.15

Sunday 26

Commences with fresh gales from  
west up and middle part the same  
at 10 a.m. spoke Rock W. Baynton  
of Thomastown bound to N York  
latter moderate wind bright  
ahead 100 miles from N York  
& can't get there too bad for  
a poor sailor

Lat 39.28 Long 68.56

Tuesday, October 27/56? Commences  
with moderate gales from every up  
and at 8 p.m. tacked to the west middle  
part wind light at 9 a.m. tacked to the  
north saw a number of vessels bound  
to the East

Latitude 39° 34' Long OK 69° 20'

Wednesday 28

Commences with light wind from  
the westward heading up every at 2 p.m.  
saw blackfish lowered but could not  
catch them middle & latter hard gales  
from every Caught a porpoise

Thursday 29

Commences with hard gales from every  
heading in every at 1 p.m. saw black  
Island bearing north distance 20 miles,  
at 4 p.m. steered west at 5 saw gay head  
bent chains at 9 let go  
the anchor in Holmes  
Hole in 4 fathoms with a very poor voyage  
for the want of a good crew latter  
heavy gale,

Friday 30

Commences with hard gales from every  
middle part calm at 6 a.m. took the  
anchor for start at an erection  
beat in to the black flats & grounded  
and then



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# Account of Provisions ~~October~~

2 bbls Beef 1 lb pork 4 lb Bread 1 lb flour  
 Sept 13 opened all flour to 17 Cask Bread  
 to 20 all Beef & Pork  
 Oct 7 Cask flour 3 bbls to 8 all Beef  
 to 29 all Beef & Pork Nov 12 all Beef  
 Nov 16 Cask Bread  
 Dec 14 all Beef & Pork Jan 7 all Beef  
 Dec 19 Cask flour 3 bbls  
 January Cask Bread  
 January 26 all Beef  
 Feb 6 Cask Bread  
 to 9 all pork  
 to 15 all Beef  
 March 6 all Beef  
 to 8 Cask flour 3 bbls  
 to 16 Cask Bread  
 to 23 all Beef  
 to 31 all Pork  
 April 4 all Beef  
 to 15 all Beef  
 to 30 Cask Bread  
 May 7 all Beef & Pork  
 to 19 Cask flour 3 bbls  
 to 21 all Beef  
 June 8 to do  
 to 15 all Pork  
 to 24 Cask Bread  
 to 26 all Beef  
 July 21 all Beef  
 to do Cask flour 2 bbls  
 to 28 all pork  
 August 8 all Beef  
 to 24 to do  
 to 26 to do  
 to 27 Cask flour 2 bbls  
 to do Cask Bread  
 Sept 9 all Beef  
 to 20 all pork



